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1. COMMENTS RE YUGOSLAVIA DURING MARCH 22 PRESS INTERVIEW BY ALTERNATE FORNMIN CAVALIERATOS AND SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANNED VISIT TO GREECE BY YUGOSLAV TRANSPORT MINISTER POPOV HAVE PROVOKED SPATE OF NATIONALISTIC EDITORIALS BY CHIEF EDITOR ELIAS KYROU OF CONSERVATIVE " ELLINIKOS VORRAS". IN LEAD EDITORIALS OF MARCH 25 AND 27, KYROU CHARGES YUGOSLAVIA WITH " IMPERIALISTIC VIEWS" AND " MEGALOMANIC IDEAS OF MACEDONIAN STATE". HE PARTICULARLY MIFFED BY ALLEGED " MACEDONIAN LANGUAGE" TEXT OF DRAFT GREEK- YUGOSLAV CULTURAL AGREEMENT. KYROU ALSO ATTACKS STAFF OF LOCAL YUGOSLAV CONGEN FOR RAISING " NONSENSE" CONCERNING MACEDONIA AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HERE. IN CONCLUSION, HE URGES HARDENING OF GREEK POSITION TOWARDS BELGRADE.

3. COMMENT: MACEDONIAN QUESTION IS PARTICULAR RED FLAG FOR KYROU WHO SEIZES MOST OPPORTUNITIES TO EDITORIALIZE ON SUBJECT. REFERENCE TO LOCAL YUGOSLAV CONSULAR STAFF IS LATEST IN SERIES OF SLIGHTS APPEARING IN KYROU COLUMN.
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